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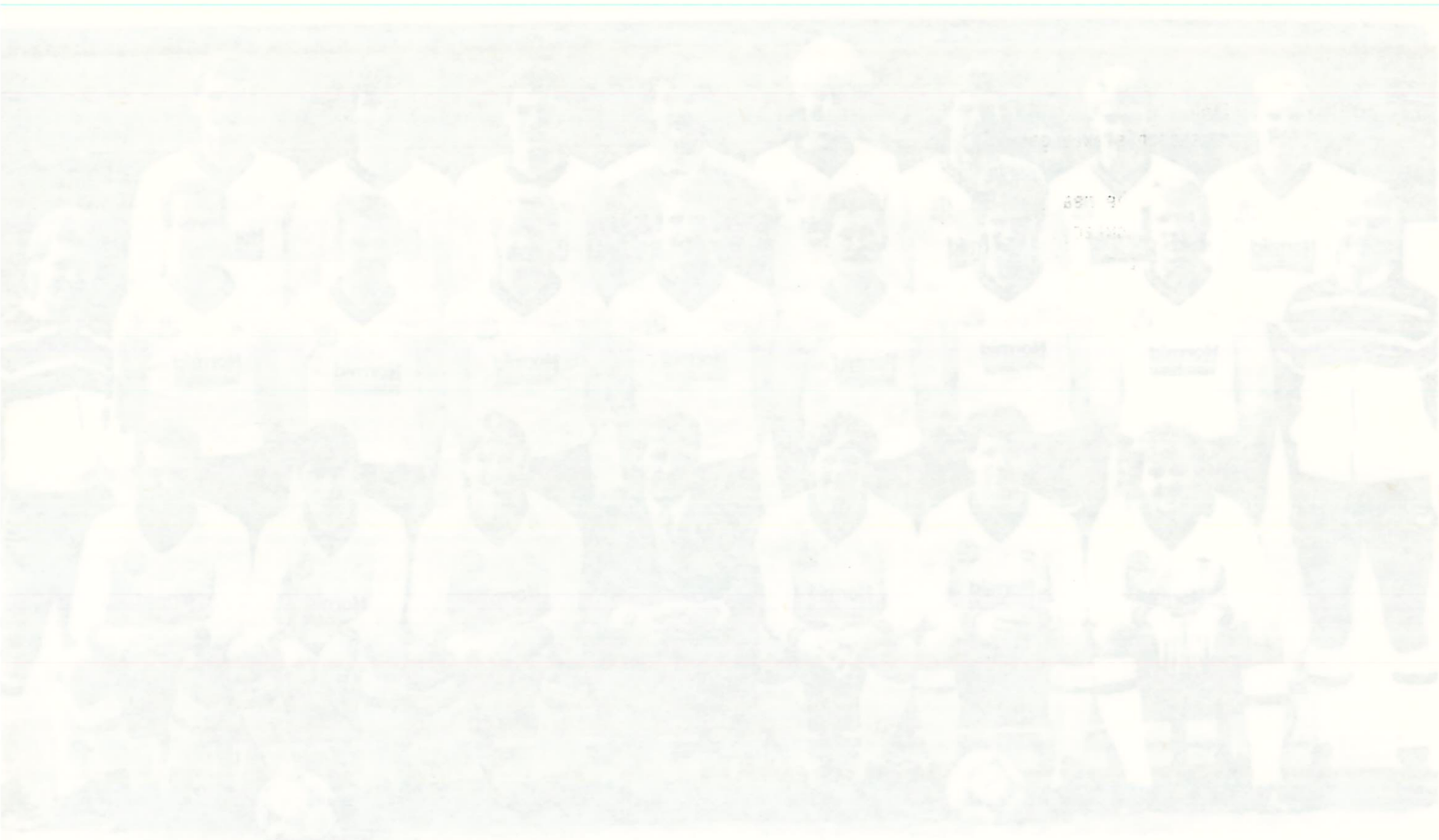
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Bolton Wanderers supporters are a special breed. The fact that almost 5000 turned up to watch their team kick - off the 1987/88 season with a Fourth Division fixture against Crewe Alexandra illustrates the amazing loyalty they still retain despite years of disappointment and heartache.

It would have been more satisfying for those loyal supporters if the club had kicked off the Centenary Year of the Football League - the League helped found - in a better position. Perhaps, had they been in Division One for instance, the Centenary would have been marked by a special publication, glossy pictures, peeps into the glorious past, an illuminating volume to chronicle 100 years of league football involving the Wanderers.

What Wanderers fans have instead, however, is this far more useful, up-to-the-minute Year Book compiled by one of their own kind.

Steve Battersby is a Wanderers fan. He knows what the Wanderers fan wants and in the following pages strives to give them just that. . . an insight into the club, its players and staff, opponents, an invaluable section giving routes to the season's away games, and a quick glance reference to last season's results.

And for the real Wanderers buff there is a Quick Quiz devised to test the supporter's knowledge of the club and its history.

Steve Battersby's "Year Book" will inform and entertain and, in the areas where he passes comment, should provoke debate.

A valued guide for the Wanderers fan of today.

INTO THE UNKNOWN

For many supporters of Bolton Wanderers, Saturday 15th August will be a day of mixed emotions. There will be sadness as the club begin their Centenary Season as members of the Football League but for the first time as a Fourth Division Side. Conversely there will be feelings of excitement as what many hope will be the beginning of a long overdue revival gets underway. I suspect also, that as the club's loyal band of supporters file into Burnden Park to witness the big kick-off there will be an apprehensive tinge to the atmosphere. For Bolton, the season ahead represents a trip into the unknown and there are those amongst us who cite the recent experiences of Lincoln and Burnley as a grim reminder of the price that must now be paid for any further failure.

However, the concept behind this booklet is not to dwell on the depressing events of last season but to whet the appetites of those who choose to give the Club its support in this and future years.



THERE FROM THE START

The 1987/88 season brings up the 100th in which Bolton Wanderers have been members of The Football League.

Way back in September 1888 in the age of handlebar moustaches and a football that weighed a ton the League as we know it commenced. Then only twelve clubs comprised the League and it is perhaps interesting to note where those teams will be playing in 1987/88.

Everton and Derby County will be "as you were" so to speak, competing in the First Division. Aston Villa, Blackburn Rovers, West Bromwich Albion and Stoke City are in the Second Division. Preston North End, first winners of the League and without losing a game, will be in the Third Division along with Notts County. The League's only Wanderers, Bolton and Wolves will be in the Fourth Division along with Burnley, whilst the other former member, Accrington are defunct and not to be confused with the later Stanley Club.

To highlight even further how times change, of the eleven former members still in existence, only Burnley, Preston and Stoke still play on the same ground as they did in 1888.

Bolton's membership of the League has been split into 60 seasons in the First Division, 22 in the Second, 6 in the Third and this season being the first ever in the Fourth. The remaining eleven seasons were played during the First and Second World Wars when the Wanderers were members of the Football League North.

The forthcoming term will see the Wanderers complete their 3500th League Game and having entered new territory will see them having played the other 91 League teams at least once. Colchester, Crewe, Hartlepool, Peterborough and Scarborough are the new opponents.

Only Notts County, Preston and Burnley have played more League games than the Wanderers and only Everton of the original League survivors with continuous membership will fail to reach 3500 games during 1987/88.



OUR OPPONENTS

This season the Fourth Division will offer a variety of interesting and potentially entertaining encounters. Older supporters will remember with affection famous First Division games of a bygone era between the likes of Bolton, Burnley and Wolves. Equally it is hard to believe that on August 29th Scarborough will be playing host to Bolton at their neat, ten thousand capacity, Athletic Ground. How times change. Only seven years ago, the Wanderers could still boast First Division status whereas in that same 1979 campaign Scarborough finished in a modest 11th position in the then Alliance Premier League (now G.M. Vauxhall Conference). However it says a lot for the new structure within League Football that such fixtures are possible and that status is only achieved on merit.

Predicting who the front runners are going to be is never easy but despite that I will put my head on the proverbial chopping block and hazard an opinion about the fortunes of those 24 clubs.

THE NORTH WEST

Including ourselves, the North West provides one quarter of this season's Division Four complement. Of these sides, I would be surprised if any apart from Bolton were still in the hunt for promotion by next Easter.

Rochdale, under the astute managerial hand of Eddie Gray ended last season strongly. With a nucleus of experienced players such as Bramhall, Reid, Seaman and Parlane plus the considerable promise of youngsters such as Welch, Smart and striker Lyndon Simmonds now acquired on a permanent basis from Leeds, they may provide a potential threat. However lack of support and financial strength may prove yet again to be their undoing.

Crewe Alexandra usually flatter to deceive under boss Dario Gradi. A neat entertaining side they seem resigned to losing star midfielder Geoff Thomas (probably to Crystal Palace). Their avowed policy of relying on youth is admirable and realistic but it will not win promotion.

Tranmere Rovers were one of a clutch of clubs who needed to win their final match of last season in order to escape the nightmare of relegation to Non-League soccer. This they did with a nerve wracking 1 - 0 win over Exeter in front of a 7000 crowd at Prenton Park. The departure of Frank Worthington and his short term successor Ronnie Moore has seen John King return to the managerial hot seat after a previous spell with the Birkenhead club. His successes in the F.A. Cup last year with Caernarfon were no flash in the pan. He is a good manager at this level but his squad looks paper thin. Only Morrissey, Williams and the ever dangerous Ian Muir seem to have the necessary class and I suggest mid-table will represent relative success this season.

Recent weeks have seen a flurry of activity down at Stockport County. In the wake of Colin Murphy's acrimonious departure to Lincoln City, Asa Hartford has taken on the challenging player-manager's role. Most Bolton supporters would like to see Asa succeed at his first managerial attempt but the ex-Scottish International seems to have a real mountain to climb. Living in the shadow of the two big Manchester clubs has never made life easy for the Edgeley Park outfit and with little cash to buy players, the existing squad, shorn of the experienced Brown and Matthewson who followed Murphy to Lincoln, may simply not be good enough. I suspect a season long struggle to avoid bottom place may be the outcome here,

This brings us to Burnley. We all remember that back on 9th May this year it took a couple of goals from Neil Grewcock and Ian Britton in a nail-biting 2 - 1 triumph over Orient to save the once proud Turf Moor side from an almost unthinkable fate.

Since that eleventh hour escape brave words have been spoken by directors and management, promising their supporters that never again will they find themselves faced with such problems. However with no money to spend on new players and only eight of last season's squad retained, a mammoth task faces Brian Miller if he is to turn words into actions. They will not finish bottom but may not be too far away.

What, then, of Bolton? The downward trend of the past eight seasons will doubtless be a tricky one to reverse. However the appointment of new First Team Coach, Mick Brown, may just turn out to be the most shrewd of business the club has entered into for several years. Brown is a man of vast managerial and coaching experience whom the players will respect. Hopefully, the adventurous, attacking style that personified the play of his previous clubs, most notably Manchester United, will repeat itself at Bolton. My gut feeling tells me that a place in those dreaded play-offs may be the best prize on offer this season.

WALES

History will be made this season, with all four Welsh League sides playing together in Division Four for the first time.

Wrexham, the country's sole northern representatives, could well mount a strong challenge for honours. With Cooke and Williams providing strength and class in defence, Charles and Horne creative in midfield and the elusive talents of Massey and Emson combining with that human bazttering ram Jim Steel up front, the team has a solid look about it. With a better goal keeper they should get promoted but herein lies their potential shortcoming.

From the south coast of Wales, two clubs with illustrious pasts, namely Cardiff and Swansea, are this season joined by newly relegated Newport County. Newport are a beleaguered club riddled by massive debts. On gates of only 1500 they have no hope of paying these off. The usual ploys of asking for Council assistance and help from local industry have met with lukewarm responses. It is becoming increasingly difficult for supporters to sympathise with clubs who fail to run their businesses properly and I strongly suspect that Newport are in grave danger of occupying 24th position at the end of this season.

Up to Christmas last year, Swansea looked a good bet for promotion. However a dramatic late season slump saw them finish in mid-table. Continued debate over the future of manager Terry Yorath could not have helped matters at a club still trying to steady the boat after a slump in fortunes that had seen them fall from Division One to Division Four inside three seasons. Notwithstanding the above, with the astute Tommy Hutchison as Yorath's number two I expect to see them there or thereabouts next May. The goal scoring talents of Pascoe, Harrison and McCarthy aided by the midfield promptings of new signing Alun Davies (ex Manchester United) will prove a real handful for opposing defenders.

Cardiff, meanwhile, will need to improve on last season's appalling home record if they are to see a return to better days. Experienced players like Alan Curtis, Nigel Vaughan, Nicky Platnauer and goalkeeper Graham Moseley will give the Ninian Park outfit a degree of know-how but a small squad, the hallmark of several financially stretched, lower league teams, will probably not be strong enough to secure a high placing.

THE NORTH AND NORTH EAST

Carlisle United are another side who have dropped two Divisions in successive seasons. Geographically isolated and with only a limited nucleus of support they have operated for many years on a squad of about 17 players with little or no youth policy to back it up. Left back Paul Haigh looks way above Fourth Division standard but apart from him and possibly Saunders, Poskett and Halpin I doubt whether they have the all round strength to worry the League's stronger sides.

Hartlepool United have had to apply for re-election on a record 11 occasions. However, when the new automatic relegation to the Conference League came into operation last season, they managed to stay well clear of the danger zone in those vital last weeks of the campaign. The squad contains very few players of experience and possibly only ex Carlisle United goal scoring ace Alan Shoulder will be known to Bolton fans. Their close season successes, if any, in recruiting a better standard of player to the Victoria Ground will determine whether there is to be any respite from the perennial struggle at the foot of the table.

I felt a great personal sadness as Darlington Football Club became one of the teams to accompany the Wanderers into Division Four. Not merely because they play their football at Feethams, that most delightful and peaceful of surroundings in which to watch the game, but from the point of view of having built up a friendship with a life-long supporter of the club who I had the pleasure to meet when taking part in the final of a national radio competition organised jointly by the B.B.C. and the Football League some three years ago. Not unexpectedly therefore, I would be delighted to see a resurgence in their fortunes. The appointment of ex Grimsby boss Dave Booth is a shrewd move and with his track record of past managerial success I would not be at all surprised to see a successful Darlington side once more. Watch out for dangermen Bonnyman, McDonald and Roberts.

YORKSHIRE

Few of us will be able to forget those three memorable F.A.Cup encounters we had with Halifax last season. It is also true to say that had the men from the Shay triumphed at the first attempt no-one could have complained. However, with debts of three hundred thousand pounds and a squad that appears to be increasing in quantity but not in quality, I do not expect the West Yorkshire outfit to frighten too many opponents. The pacy Dave Longhurst up front and the solid central defensive pairing of Galloway and the giant Alan Knill will again be relied upon to bolster the team's fortunes. Look for a mid table spot here but no higher.

This brings us to Scarborough, the League's newcomers. Obviously, an unknown quantity in terms of playing strength, but manager Neil Warnock, (whose full time job is as a chiropodist) knows his way around the lower Divisions from his days as a player. The club intends to start with a part-time professional set up and doubtless several perennial strugglers such as Torquay, Halifax and Hartlepool will watch the experiment with considerable interest. For those who like a gamble then the east coast outfit may just prove a surprise package!

LINCOLNSHIRE

Had Scunthorpe started the season as well as they finished it then a return to Division Three may well have been their reward. However, with a strong looking squad and a new manager in Mick Buxton (ex Huddersfield) I confidently predict that they will finish in the top six. Experience up front in the form of ex Bury striker Steve Johnson is complemented by the subtle wing skills of Alan Birch. Add to these ex Leeds and Bristol City forward Dave Harle plus the youthful and exciting Julian Broddle and the goals for column should look healthy. Les Hunter, Steve Lister and ex Liverpool defender Richard Money should provide good cover for experienced goalkeeper Ron Green. Any team to come away from the Old Show Ground with a point this season will have earned it.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

When the City of Cambridge comes up in conversation, one always nurtures thoughts of students, splendid stone architecture, bicycles, punting on the River Cam and hearty real ale. The picturesque, immaculately kept, 12,000 capacity Abbey Stadium, home of Cambridge United probably only gets mentioned as an afterthought unless you happen to be a scholar of football in the lower reaches. The club has done reasonably well since their admission to the Football League in 1970. Despite something of a slump in the past four seasons I do not expect them to be among the also-rans this season. The loss of highly rated striker Mark Cooper to Spurs will have its effect, but last year's top scorer Dave Crown remains and with John Beck in midfield and veteran Lindsay Smith marshalling his defence they will present solid opposition. A good start to the season will be necessary as they have a very small squad and any mid season injury problems could prove their undoing.

The mid season return of Noel Cantwell as manager to replace John Wile provided the spark that was needed to push Peterborough up the Table. Though never likely to force a top three place, nonetheless a play-off spot was well within their grasp until the last few games of the season. If early season fortunes are good then the club's crown pulling potential should be high. However the recent sale of last season's leading goal scorer, Jackie Gallagher to Wolves will weaken the side somewhat. The squad appears to be a collection of nearly players but the astute Cantwell has a good record of obtaining optimum output from limited input.

ESSEX

Colchester United finished in fifth position last season. They promptly lost to Wolves in the play-offs and start this season without their leading scorer of the past four years. That player, Tony Adcock, signed for Manchester City towards the end of June. For several seasons the team has started well only to fade once the going got tough. With ex Coventry City strikers Tom English and Mick Ferguson plus ex Crystal Palace full back Paul Hinshelwood the side does not lack experience. Former Bury winger Winston White was snapped up in March this year to lend his pace to a previously ponderous attack. They will probably figure in the top half of the table but psychological barriers need to be broken if promotion is to be achieved.

LONDON

Probably best remembered as the team who helped keep Burnley in the Football League, Leyton Orient will be once again the Capital's sole representatives in this year's Fourth Division. Frank Clark's inconsistent side will doubtless still be kicking themselves that they failed to force their way into the end of season play-offs by losing that last day thriller at Turf Moor. What should probably worry them more is that I am tipping them to be this year's Fourth Division Champions! The side certainly has experience and class. From goalkeeper Peter Wells right through to dangerous strikers Godfrey and Juryeff the blend looks right. Youngsters Castle, Cornwell, and Shinnars are all names to look for in what promises to be a successful campaign for the friendly East London club.

THE SOUTH WEST

The Pilgrims of that fine city of Exeter were without doubt last season's Fourth Division draw kings. Defensively tight with veteran goalkeeper John Shaw a real pillar of strength between the posts they fell down in front of goal at the other end. The club are pursuing a rigorous youth policy which has already unearthed promising first teamers like Dean Edwards, Mark Robson and Brendan O'Connell. They may need another year and an injection of experience up front now that Tony Kellow has decided to hang up his boots.

This brings us to Torquay United. The popular holiday resort often referred to as the English Riviera owes its chance of staging League Football in 1987/88 to a desperate 91st minute equaliser by star player Paul Dobson in their final game of last season at home to Crewe. The game was made all the more remarkable by the fact that Dobson had been bitten by a stray police dog during the first half! After finishing in the bottom four places for the past four seasons they surprisingly decided to retain all but one of their professional staff. Money to strengthen the squad will be scarce and another bottom four place looks inevitable.

WORCESTERSHIRE/HEREFORDSHIRE

Hereford United fly the flag for one of England's most beautiful counties. Their Edgar Street Ground has seen many famous cup ties, notably from their non-league days but in recent seasons a disturbing mediocrity has crept into the league fortunes of this homely club. Attempts to recruit a big name as player-manager will no doubt resurrect interest within the town but it will be the signings that complement this move that will determine the side's chances of success. Midfield star Jimmy Harvey departed to Bristol City towards the end of last season and with talented striker Stewart Phillips only contracted on a weekly basis, the squad has a decidedly weak look about it. I suspect 1987/88 may not be too successful for Hereford United.

WEST MIDLANDS

Perhaps it is fitting that I have left a discussion of Wolverhampton Wanderers until last. Indeed, why are we talking about this grand old club at all in terms of Fourth Division Football? Quite simply, in my view, because a series of so-called businessmen decided to put personal power and prestige before the good of the team and its loyal supporters. The club has in the past four years paid heavily for its financial misdemeanours and it is only since the appointment of that excellent manager Graham Turner that the corner appears

to have been turned. Promotion via the play-offs should have been theirs but an unexpected 3 - 0 aggregate reverse against Aldershot (remember them!) confined the men from Molyneux to another campaign in soccer's basement. It appears inconceivable, though, that they will fail to move upwards this time and I confidently predict a top three spot will be theirs by May next year. The new striking duo of Bull and Gallagher, the steady central defensive pairing of Streete and ex West Brom captain Alistair Robertson plus the burly frame of former Spurs and Newport goalkeeper Mark Kendal are all aspects of their strength that opponents will find hard to match.

So there we have it. Twenty four teams all itching to get on with a duel that is destined to stretch over nine months and forty six matches. Having looked at the strengths and weaknesses of each contender it would be unfair of me to end this section without hazarding a guess at how the final league table will look. So at the risk of making a fool of myself here goes.

DIVISION FOUR 1987/88

Position	Team	
1	Leyton Orient	PROMOTED
2	Wolverhampton Wanderers	PROMOTED
3	Scunthorpe United	PROMOTED
4	Wrexham	PLAY-OFFS
5	Swansea	PLAY-OFFS
6	Bolton Wanderers	PLAY-OFFS
7	Cambridge United	
8	Colchester United	
9	Scarborough	
10	Darlington	
11	Peterborough United	
12	Rochdale	
13	Exeter City	
14	Tranmer Rovers	
15	Carlisle United	
16	Cardiff City	
17	Halifax Town	
18	Crewe Alexandra	
19	Hereford United	
20	Burnley	
21	Hartlepool United	
22	Stockport County	
23	Torquay United	
24	Newport County	RELEGATED

THE PLAYERS

One of many overworked cliches used by people in football is "the game is all about players". Certainly, whilst Directors, Management and Supporters can have a sizeable say in off-field matters, it is only the players who can determine the ultimate success or failure of a club. So let us set out on a guided tour of the club's playing strength, looking at the talent at Phil Neal's disposal from the most experienced professional right down to the Y.T.S. trainees taking their first tentative steps on what for a lucky few may turn out to be a glittering career.

GOALKEEPER

DAVID FELGATE

AGE : 27

HEIGHT : 6'1"

BIRTHPLACE : BLAENAU FESTINIOG

PREVIOUS CLUBS : ROCHDALE, CREWE (BOTH ON LOAN) LINCOLN CITY, CARDIFF CITY, GRIMSBY TOWN.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : WALES (1 FULL CAP), WALES SCHOOLBOYS.

BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 37.

David is a big favourite with the Bolton crowd. Starting his career as a youngster with Bolton he broke into the Reserve side in 1977. However he made only 13 appearances in three seasons due to the presence at the club of Jim McDonagh and Terry Poole. Inevitably he moved on to gain League experience but returned briefly in 1985/86 on loan from Grimsby. He was instrumental in helping us to reach the Freight Rover Final at Wembley in 1986 but his loan period had reached its maximum allowed length and Simon Farnworth had to deputise on the big day. However, events turned full circle last season and in January a permanent transfer saw him return to Burnden Park. I doubt whether we will see a better goalkeeper in Division Four and it is his good organising qualities at the back that will hopefully provide the rock on which our defensive success will depend.

DEFENDERS

DEREK SCOTT

AGE : 29

HEIGHT : 5' 8"

BIRTHPLACE : GATESHEAD

PREVIOUS CLUBS : BURNLEY

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : ENGLAND SCHOOLBOYS

BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 81

When Derek arrived from Burnley in 1985 it was thought by many who had seen him play for them that he would slot into our midfield and help strengthen an area that sadly lacked a player of his qualities. However, to date, all of his 81 appearances in the League have seen him feature in a variety of defensive roles. Because of a hernia operation Derek will miss the start of this season. Indeed since joining us he seems to have had some grim luck with the opening month of each campaign. Remember the punctured lung he received in the opening game of last season against Swindon. An extended run in his best position of right back should help both Derek and Bolton to a successful year.

JULIAN DARBY
AGE : 18
HEIGHT : 5' 11"
BIRTHPLACE : BOLTON
PREVIOUS CLUBS : NONE
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : ENGLAND SCHOOLBOYS
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 26 + 4 SUB

Season 1987/88 will be the year in which Julian looks to make a first team place his own. Whilst I have classed him as a defender he has played a lot of his soccer for Bolton in midfield. Although a lazy looking player, he has an aura of class about him that suggests he could have a bright future. His two great strengths are his reading of the game and his passing ability. Should he be able to add a greater physical presence to these attributes then a first team place should be his for years to come.

MARK WINSTANLEY

AGE : 19
HEIGHT : 6' 0"
BIRTHPLACE : ST HELENS
PREVIOUS CLUBS : NONE
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 14 + 1 SUB

Now that Jimmy Phillips has departed to Glasgow Rangers there exists a good opportunity for Mark to make a left sided defensive position his own. His defensive qualities, particularly his tackling, suggest he has the necessary technical attributes to succeed. He needs to work on his distribution and providing he starts to believe in himself a little more he will make a successful breakthrough into our first team.

DEAN CROMBIE

AGE : 34
HEIGHT : 6' 0"
BIRTHPLACE : LINCOLN
PREVIOUS CLUBS : LINCOLN CITY; GRIMSBY TOWN
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE

Life in soccer's basement will hold no mysteries for this experienced and versatile defender. With over 300 appearances under his belt for Lincoln and Grimsby this strong, tackling, keep fit enthusiast should lend the necessary experience to the left side of our defence. Pre-season matches have seen him form a promising looking partnership with Jeff Chandler.

PAUL HUGHES

AGE : 18
PREVIOUS CLUBS : NONE
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : NONE

One of three players from last season's successful youth squad to be offered professional terms, Paul is a gutsy right back with a flair for attack.

He joined the Wanderers as a centre forward but his strength in the tackle and acute positional sense have helped him make the transition to full back a smooth one. His performances in the Youth Cup last season whilst carrying a bad thigh injury singled him out as having the right attitude to succeed in the hard world of professional football. Another season with the Reserves should see Paul pushing for a regular first team spot.

PHIL NEAL

AGE : 36
HEIGHT : 5' 11"
BIRTHPLACE : IRCHESTER
PREVIOUS CLUBS : NORTHAMPTON TOWN ; LIVERPOOL
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : ENGLAND (50 FULL CAPS) ; ENGLAND B (2 CAPS) ;
THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE (1 CAP)
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 48 + 2 SUB
BOLTON LEAGUE GOALS : 3

Phil Neal announced his intention to retire as a player at the end of last season but with Derek Scott set to miss the first month of this season he has decided to standby in case his services are required. For a man who achieved almost everything as a player with Liverpool the embarrassment of relegation back in May must have been a strange and unwelcome emotion with which to come to terms. However, he has indicated his intention to make sure that the club's stay in Division Four will be a brief one. As a player he now sees himself merely as short term cover for injuries but it may be that his experience will come in handy if the club is in contention for honours by Easter next year.

MARK CAME

AGE : 25
HEIGHT : 6' 1"
BIRTHPLACE : EXETER
PREVIOUS CLUBS : WINSFORD UNITED (NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE)
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 101 + 2 SUB
BOLTON LEAGUE GOALS : 2

Since his debut for the club three seasons ago, Mark has been a firm favourite with the supporters. Brought up on wholehearted defenders such as Paul Jones, Sam Allardyce and Mike Walsh, many of the younger generation of Wanderers' fans have become keen admirers of Mark's never-say-die attitude. Whilst there are few doubts about his ball winning abilities, I feel that there is still plenty of scope for improvement in other aspects of his game. His distribution needs working on and his reading of defensive situations sometimes leaves colleagues exposed. He gets full marks for effort but needs a general tightening up of his game to ensure that he continues to hold down a regular first team spot.

DAVID SUTTON

AGE : 30
HEIGHT : 6' 1"
BIRTHPLACE : TARLETON
PREVIOUS CLUBS : PLYMOUTH ARGYLE ; READING (ON LOAN) ; HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 65
BOLTON LEAGUE GOALS : 4

For a player who appeared to be surplus to requirements when transfer-listed last October, David was to play an important role in those vital games towards the end of last season. In those tense final matches when others around him lost their sense of calm at vital moments he was a pillar of strength and consistency. An outspoken individual, he has not always been high on the list of the supporters' favourite players. However he makes up for lack of pace with a steely determination not to be on the losing side. It is this infectious enthusiasm and unselfish attitude that has gradually won over a majority of the supporters. Expect him to play a big part in this year's revival.

MIDFIELD

WARREN JOYCE

AGE : 22
HEIGHT : 5' 9"
BIRTHPLACE : OLDHAM
PREVIOUS CLUBS : NONE
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 171 + 4 SUB
BOLTON LEAGUE GOALS : 17

At the time of writing it is still uncertain whether Warren will be with us for the coming season. He is one of two first team regulars presently on the transfer list. Whilst his wholehearted endeavour is always evident on the field of play, it must be said that he has perhaps not developed as much as was expected. In a midfield that was seen by many as the club's achilles heel last season it was his inability to make more from the good positions he works so hard to get into that brought him a fair degree of criticism. Whether new coach Mick Brown can develop his strengths and tighten up his weaknesses remains to be seen.

STEVE THOMPSON

AGE : 22
HEIGHT : 5' 9"
BIRTHPLACE : OLDHAM
PREVIOUS CLUBS : NONE
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 153 + 5 SUB
BOLTON LEAGUE GOALS : 22

Steve is the other member of the first team squad presently available for transfer. He is not the quickest of players but his accurate passing and

powerful shooting should be put to better use for the benefit of the team. By giving him an extended run in his best position of central midfield we could yet see the value of sticking to the principles of selecting good quality footballers even at Fourth Division level.

GARY HENSHAW

AGE : 22
HEIGHT : 5' 9"
BIRTHPLACE : LEEDS
PREVIOUS CLUBS : GRIMSBY TOWN
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : NONE

Gary became the second of our pre-season signings when agreeing to join the club during the last week in June. A strong tackling midfield player with an eye for goal, he was being chased by a number of clubs, notably Southampton but decided to opt for a move to the North West. Phil Neal is enthusiastic about picking up a young player with potentially a bright career ahead of him on a free transfer. Our good wishes go to Gary and hope he will help to strengthen an area of the side that continues to give cause for concern.

NICK BROOKMAN

AGE : 18
PREVIOUS CLUBS : NONE
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 4

Nick is another product of the youth scheme here at Bolton and he made his debut on April 18th last season in the home game against Carlisle. He is a versatile player, having also had extensive experience as a full back in our Reserve team. However it is his good close control, ability to beat a man and shrewd tactical brain for one so young that make him stand out as one to watch for the future. Expect to see him as a first team regular before the season has reached its halfway stage.

PETER BELL

AGE : 22
PREVIOUS CLUBS : MANCHESTER CITY (APPRENTICE)
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : NONE

Peter was forced to retire from the game while still a teenager due to a recurring thigh problem. However at the start of last season he embarked upon a comeback with our Reserve side. His form was a revelation, quickly becoming a firm favourite with the supporters. He was then offered a professional contract. Fate then took a hand and a further cruel setback was inflicted upon him when he badly damaged a knee in a Reserve game at Rotherham. The injury restricted him to just one more appearance before the need to undergo surgery became evident. Peter is now well on the way to a full recovery and supporters can expect to see him wearing the white shirt again sometime before Christmas.

CHRIS BANKS

AGE : 18

PREVIOUS CLUBS : NONE

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : WALES YOUTH

BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : NONE

Another of our first year professionals, Chris, better known as Taffy to his friends, had the honour of playing for Wales at youth international level last season in addition to featuring prominently in our successful Youth team. Even a splendid own goal scored and a penalty missed in the final of the Lancashire Youth Cup could not disguise the obvious talents of this stocky midfield general! He should get a first team opportunity at some stage this season. He possesses a wicked right foot shot, has good passing ability and will not shirk a challenge. Though lacking in pace he looks set for a bright future providing he keeps his feet firmly on the ground.

IAN CALLAGHAN

AGE : 18

PREVIOUS CLUBS : NONE

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE

BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : NONE

The youngster with the famous name will no doubt be hoping his career brings him as much success as his famous Liverpool namesake enjoyed. He is a player who does not hide when the going gets tough and his ability to constantly harrass his opponents remind me of a young Peter Reid. His passing needs to be sharpened up and greater strength in the tackle would not go amiss. I wish him well because I know only too well the drawbacks of being small of stature when playing such a physical game.

FORWARDS

NEIL WHATMORE

AGE : 32

HEIGHT : 5' 10"

BIRTHPLACE : ELLESMERE PORT

PREVIOUS CLUBS : BIRMINGHAM CITY; OXFORD UNITED; BURNLEY; MANSFIELD TOWN;

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE

BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 279 + 15 SUB

BOLTON LEAGUE GOALS : 107

An amazingly generous offer by an anonymous benefactor led to the return, on July 21st, of one of Burnden Park's prodigal sons. Whilst Phil Neal has stressed that Neil nwill have severe competition for one of the first team striking positions, I for one have a feeling that we may see him play regularly in a midfield role. A tremendous shielder of the ball with an eye for the half chance he could well turn out to be one of the aces in Phil Neal's pack.

JEFF CHANDLER

AGE : 28
HEIGHT : 5' 7"
BIRTHPLACE : HAMMERSMITH
PREVIOUS CLUBS : BLACKPOOL; LEEDS UNITED; DERBY COUNTY
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (2 FULL CAPS)
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 152 + 5 SUB
BOLTON LEAGUE GOALS : 36

Bolton fans will once again be treated to the unpredictable genius of Jeff Chandler. A regular creator and scorer of goals he is a player who is not always fully appreciated by the fans. However no winger managed to successfully fill the gap his departure created. Given a good supply of ball from midfield expect this very talented player to hold the key to our success this season.

STEVE ELLIOTT

AGE : 29
HEIGHT : 6' 0"
BIRTHPLACE : HALTWHISTLE
PREVIOUS CLUBS : NOTTS FOREST; PRESTON; LUTON; WALSALL
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 40
BOLTON LEAGUE GOALS : 9

Steve returned to the North West from arch-rivals Walsall at the start of last season. At the time, Phil Neal was quick to stress that he would not be a prolific goal scorer but would create plenty for those around him. He played well up to Christmas but the New Year saw a gradual loss of form and confidence. Supporters were exceedingly over critical considering at no time did Steve seek to hide behind his obvious loss of form. What is now needed is for the fans to get behind him and with an early goal to his name I am sure that he will play an important role in this season's efforts.

JOHN THOMAS

AGE : 29
HEIGHT : 5' 8"
BIRTHPLACE : WEDNESBURY
PREVIOUS CLUBS : EVERTON; TRANMERE (ON LOAN); HALIFAX (ON LOAN); CHESTER;
LINCOLN CITY; PRESTON
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE
BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 18 + 4 SUB
BOLTON LEAGUE GOALS : 6

John makes up the trio of former Bolton strikers to return to our club. Bought as a direct replacement for Tony Caldwell he is a gutsy, direct forward whose goals played an important part in helping Preston to promotion last season. John was unlucky with injury first time round at Burnden but should do well for the club which in spirit he never really left.

TREVOR MORGAN

AGE : 29

HEIGHT : 6' 1"

BIRTHPLACE : FOREST GATE

PREVIOUS CLUBS : BOURNEMOUTH; MANSFIELD; BRISTOL ROVERS; EXETER CITY;
BRISTOL CITY

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE

BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : NONE

At 29 years of age, this burly, old fashioned centre forward has joined Bolton to add weight to our attack. Whoever plays alongside him, be sure that opposing defenders will know they have been in a game. On the occasions that I have watched him play, he has always impressed and his ability to provide a focal point through which our attacking options can be channelled should reap rich dividends for his colleagues.

IAN STEVENS

AGE : 20

HEIGHT : 5' 11"

BIRTHPLACE : MALTA

PREVIOUS CLUBS : PRESTON NORTH END

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS : NONE

BOLTON LEAGUE APPEARANCES : 5 + 4 SUB

BOLTON LEAGUE GOALS : 2

Ian burst onto the Burnden scene with a rush of goals for our Reserves. His promotion to first team duty began with an electrifying introduction as second half substitute at Notts County. Though he was used sparingly and when played from the start tended to fade in the second half of a game due to lack of match fitness it would appear that his pace and direct approach will bring him more goals and much popularity with the fans. Better quality service from midfield with the ball being played early and to his feet should release the tall striker into telling positions against the more ponderous defenders he is likely to encounter in the Fourth Division.

THE YTS TRAINEES

Four youngsters will this season enter their second year under this scheme that is now used by most clubs as the modern day equivalent of the old apprentice arrangement.

Ryan Price is a 6' 2" tall goalkeeper who should continue to make steady progress in our Reserve and Youth sides.

Derek Booth is a very promising outside right with a devastating burst of speed that is going to prove a real handful for full backs who come face to face with him. He has already forced his way into Phil Neal's first team pre-season friendly match line-ups and expect to see great strides made by the tall blond haired youngster this season.

Chris O'Brien is a neat, left sided full back or midfield player who needs only to believe in himself more to make good progress.

Finally, Mark Raven is a stocky central striker who reminds me of a young Warren Joyce with his robust running and undoubted bravery.

Eight youngsters have also been taken on as first year trainees. All will hope to make this their first successful step along the path to a career at the highest level of the game. They are:

PATRICK HALLIGAN	Central Defender
MALCOLM JACKSON	Central Defender
NICK SPOONER	Full Back
KEVIN STILL	Midfield
DAVID ROBERTS	Midfield
PAUL GASKELL	Centre Forward
MICHAEL JEFFREY	Inside Forward
NEIL FISHER	Outside Right

We wish them all well.



THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

THE MANAGER - PHIL NEAL

When the former Liverpool and England player accepted the challenge of managing Bolton Wanderers, it was an appointment viewed by most supporters as ambitious but not without risk. Bolton's only previous player-manager, John McGovern, had come to the club with a similarly successful playing pedigree but had been unable to halt the slide that had begun back in 1979. McGovern was successful to a point. He made shrewd signings such as Brian Borrows, Tony Caldwell, Mark Cane and George Oghani but had been in charge at a time of great financial crisis. Phil Neal has had to face similar cash restrictions but nonetheless remains undaunted by the setback of relegation at the end of last season. During an eventful 18 months in charge to date he has experienced both success and failure. Success came his way when at the end of his first season with the club, Bolton returned to Wembley in May 1986 for the first time in 28 years as finalists in the Freight Rover Trophy. Even a 3 - 0 defeat at the hands of Bristol City could not dampen the enjoyment felt by all 25000 Bolton supporters who travelled down to Wembley and helped make the occasion such a memorable one.

The failure came last May when defeat over two legs by Aldershot in the relegation play-offs put us in Division Four for the first time in our history. Mr Neal has now decided to give up playing except for an emergency but I am sure that his vast knowledge of the game will stand him in good stead for the battle ahead. He must set high standards for his players and not fail to act if they do not meet his requirements.

THE COACH - MICK BROWN

Mick Brown has been appointed to replace the dismissed Colin Irwin (who incidentally has joined Northwich Victoria in the G M Vauxhall Conference as a player). Mr Brown has over the years accumulated considerable managerial and coaching experience with Oxford United, West Bromwich Albion and Manchester United. He is best known as having been Ron Atkinson's right hand man at the latter two clubs. His time spent with Oxford will also prove useful to us as this gave him a good grounding in the lower reaches of the League. One point that gives me great cause for enthusiasm is that teams coached by Mick Brown have always had a reputation for playing attacking soccer. On behalf of all connected with the club I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming him into the fold and wishing him many happy and profitable years here at Burnden Park.

RESERVE/YOUTH TEAM COACH - STEVE CARROLL

Steve has now been with the club for over two years and achieved his first major success when seeing his youth side win last season's Lancashire F.A. Youth Cup. (A detailed account of this success is included later on in this publication.) Steve was a promising youth team player with Halifax in the early 1970's when an injury prematurely ended his playing days. However his enthusiasm and commitment to the job impressed Phil Neal on his arrival at Burnden and I feel that with a more experienced Central League side at his disposal this year, it is to be hoped that a stronger second string will emerge to put established first teamers under even greater pressure to hold on to their places.

A former Bolton School teacher, Peter has now filled this vital role at the club for several years. A popular and pleasant man he has been heavily involved with the local soccer scene for many years. The role of club physio seems to take on even greater importance in these days of small first team squads. A club with Bolton's resources cannot afford to have any of their essential first teamers out with niggling injuries for any length of time and therefore Peter's week can always be guaranteed to present him with a variety of challenges which must be met with a high degree of efficiency and speed. Further, his close links with the town's schoolboy soccer network have proved invaluable over the years both to those youngsters who have benefitted from his advice and help as well as to the Wanderers who have a physio and local talent scout rolled into one!

These are the men charged with the responsibility of restoring our club's fortunes. They will need the support of directors, players and supporters. Let us all back them to the hilt and I am sure they will reward us with success on the field.



HOW TO GET THERE

For those of you intending to travel by car to any of our away League games this season, hopefully this section will be of some use to you. In order of fixture to be played here are my suggested routes. Note that these may not necessarily correspond with those given by the major motoring organisations. Do not forget also that the Wanderers' Travel Club run official coaches to all away matches at excellent rates. However if you fancy doing the driving yourself, here goes.

SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST - SCARBOROUGH (K.O. 3PM)

Leaving Bolton on the A666 follow signs M62 Leeds. Leave M62 at Junction 27 and follow M621 Leeds. At Junction 3 leave M621 and follow signs A64 for Tadcaster and York. Carry on A64 through Malton and Norton to Scarborough. Approaching Scarborough the Athletic Ground is located on Seamer Road approximately 1/4 mile on the left after passing Plaxtons Coach Factory.

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER - HEREFORD UNITED (K.O. 3PM)

A666/M61/M62 (follow Liverpool signs) to intersection 10 (Croft) with M6. Then M6 South and M5 (follow South West signs) to Junction 8. Join M50 (signs for Ross-on-Wye) leaving at Junction 2. Take the A417 to Ledbury then turning left onto the A438 signposted Hereford. Follow the A438 into the town centre then follow A49 Leominster signs into Edgar Street for Hereford's ground

TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER - SCUNTHORPE UNITED (K.O. 7.30 PM)

A666/M62 (follow Leeds signs). At Junction 35 join M18. At Junction 5 then join M180. At Junction 3 join M181 signposted Scunthorpe. At end of motorway turn right at roundabout. At next roundabout take second exit into Doncaster Road for the Old Show Ground.

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER - TORQUAY UNITED (K.O. 7.30 PM)

As Torquay have decided not to allow visiting supporters into their ground in season 1987/88 I must respect their wishes and therefore no directions are given in this booklet.

TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER - TRANMERE ROVERS (K.O. 7.30 PM)

A666/M61/M62 follow Liverpool signs. Follow M62 to end of motorway and then take signs for Mersey Tunnel. Use Tunnel and follow signs A552. Turn left at crossroads onto B5151 and then left again into Prenton Road West for Prenton Park.

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER - DARLINGTON (K.O. 3PM)

A666/M62 East follow Leeds signs to Junction 33 with A1. A1 Northbound to Scotch Corner, following onto the A1M and then onto the A66M. From A66M take A66 (Grange Road) at next roundabout take fourth exit (Victoria Road) and the ground is on the right.

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER - ROCHDALE (K.O. 3PM)

From Bolton follow A58 via Bury to Rochdale. As you approach the town centre, turn left at traffic lights (look for the Cemetery Hotel) into Sandy Lane. The ground is approximately 1/2 a mile further on, on your right.

TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER - NEWPORT COUNTY (K.O. 7.30 P.M.)

A666/M61/M62 to Intersection 10, Junction with M6 at Croft. M6 South then M5 (follow South West signs) to Intersection 8, Junction with M50. M50 to Ross-on-Wye. Then A449/A40/A449 via Monmouth By-pass to Newport. Approaching Newport on the A449 follow signs for town centre. At M4 roundabout take third exit into Chepstow Road (A48). In one mile at Cross Hands Hotel turn left into Somerton Road. Over hump backed bridge, turn right onto Cromwell Road for Newport's Ground.

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER - BURNLEY (K.O. 3P.M.)

A676 via Bradshaw, then Ramsbottom to roundabout. Take first exit onto M66. Leave M66 at its end, taking second exit (A56) signposted Burnley. At roundabout take third exit into Yorkshire Street then into Brunshaw Road for Turf Moor.

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER - COLCHESTER UNITED (K.O. 3P.M.)

Colchester United will also be operating a ban on away supporters this season, therefore no directions are given here.

SATURDAY 26TH DECEMBER - HARTLEPOOL (K.O. 3 P.M.)

A666/M62 East to Junction 33 with A1. Then A1 North to Junction with A168 (signposted Thirsk). A168/A19 to Junction with A689. At this roundabout take third exit and at next roundabout second exit (both signposted A689 Hartlepool). Into town centre then bear right into Clarence Road for the Victoria Road Ground.

SATURDAY 2ND JANUARY - HALIFAX TOWN (K.O. 3 P.M.)

A666/M62 East to Junction 24. Follow signs Halifax A629 then follow signs for Town Centre. The ground is down Skircoat Road on your right approx 1/4 mile before the Town Centre.

SATURDAY 9TH JANUARY - CARDIFF CITY (K.O. 3 P.M.)

A666/M61/M62 to Intersection 10 with M6 at Croft. Then M6 South. M5 (follow South West signs) to Intersection 8, Junction with M50. M50 to Ross-on-Wye, Junction with A40. Then A40 to Raglan Junction with A449. A449 to Junction with M4. M4 West to Intersection 32. Then A470 to Cardiff (North Road). At traffic lights turn right on to Duke Street. At traffic lights turn left on to High Street, continuing on to St Mary Street. At lights turn right on to Wood Street (A4055). This takes you into Ninian Park Road. Left at lights on to Leckwith Road then first left on to Stoper Road. The ground is on your left.

SATURDAY 30TH JANUARY - PETERBOROUGH UNITED (K.O. 3 P.M.)

A666/M62 East to Junction 33 with A1. Then A1 South to Junction with A47, A47 into Peterborough. Follow signs to Whittlesey across the River Nene bridge. This takes you into London Road where the ground is situated.

SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY - STOCKPORT COUNTY (K.O. 3 P.M.)

A666/M61/M63. Leave M63 at Junction with A560. At roundabout take second exit signposted Stockport. At traffic lights (Farmers Arms) turn right into Edgeley Road. In just over 1 mile the ground is situated on your right in Caroline Street.

SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY - CREWE ALEXANDRA (K.O. 3 P.M.)

A666/M61/M62 to Intersection 10 with M6 at Croft. M6 South to Junction 17 with A534. Follow A534 through Sandbach into Crewe. At roundabout before town centre take Chester sign into Nantwich Road. Take next left into Gresty Road. The ground is on your left.

SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY - WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (K.O. 3 P.M.)

A666/M61/M62 to Intersection 10 with M6 at Croft. M6 South to Junction 12. A5 West for 1 mile to A449. Then A449 South into Wolverhampton (Stafford Road). At roundabout take second exit into Waterloo Road North. After 1/2 mile the ground is on your left.

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH - CARLISLE UNITED (K.O. 3 P.M.)

Join M61 at Junction 5 (Norwich) then M61/M6 North to M6 Junction 43. Take first exit on to A69 signposted Carlisle. The ground is on this road on your right approximately 1/2 mile after leaving the motorway.

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH - SWANSEA CITY (K.O. 3 P.M.)

A666/M61/M62 to Intersection 10 with M6 at Croft. Then M6 South and M5 South West to Intersection 8 with M50. M50 to Ross-on-Wye, Junction with A40. A40 via Monmouth to A449. Then A449 to M4 joining at Junction 24. Then M4 West to end of motorway following signs for Swansea. Follow A48 into A483 (Fabian Way) along the Docks road into Quay Parade and Oystermouth Road (A4067). The ground is in Singleton Street on your right.

SATURDAY 2ND APRIL - LEYTON ORIENT (K.O. 3 P.M.)

A666/M61/M62 to Intersection 10 with M6 at Croft. Then M6 South, M1 South to Junction 2 of M1. Take A406 East (North Circular Road) to Edmonton then in 2 1/2 miles at roundabout take A112 signposted Leyton (third exit). Pass Leyton Midland Road Station and in 1/2 mile turn right into Windsor Road. Turn left into Brisbane Road for the ground.

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL - EXETER CITY (K.O. 3 P.M.)

A666/M61/M62 (Liverpool) to Intersection 10 with M6 at Croft. Then M6 South, M5 South West to Junction 30. Leave motorway and follow signs City Centre along Sidmouth Road for Heavitree Road, then at roundabout take fourth exit into Western Way and at next roundabout take 2nd exit into Old Tiverton Road. Next left is St James Road where the ground is situated.

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL - CAMBRIDGE UNITED (K.O. 3 P.M.)

A666/M62 East (follow Leeds) to Junction 33 with A1. Then A1 South to Junction with A604. Follow A604 signposted Cambridge into City Centre then follow signs A45 Newmarket into Newmarket Road where the ground is situated.

SATURDAY 7TH MAY - WREXHAM (K.O. 3P.M.)

A666/M61/M63/M56 follow signs for Chester/North Wales. M56 to Junction with M53. Then M53 (Chester) to Hoole Roundabout. Follow A483 Wrexham sign and entering Wrexham on this road follow A541 Mold and Llangollen. Take first exit from by-pass (A541). The ground can be seen straight ahead in Mold Road.

N.B. DATES AND KICK-OFF TIMES MAY CHANGE. WATCH LOCAL PRESS FOR DETAILS.



ON A BRIGHTER NOTE

If medals were given for getting stuck in and never giving up the Wanderers Youth Team more than justified collecting theirs for winning last season's Lancashire Youth Cup.

Coach Steve Carroll did well to gell the side into playing and fighting for each other and it came off with a number of sterling performances to put the first trophy into the Burnden Park cabinet for nine years.

Yet it seemed the young Wanderers would be out of the competition at the first hurdle when they trailed 2 - 2 to Wigan Athletic at Burnden with twenty minutes remaining. Mark Raven pulled a goal back, but it wasn't until the second minute of injury time that the Wanderers equalised, Ian Callaghan rifling home from twelve yards out. Seconds earlier Nick Brookman had missed a sitter with an empty goal at his mercy but he was to make up for the miss later in the competition.

It was Brookman who netted the only goal in the replay at Springfield Park, in the eightieth minute of what was a dour game, with defences generally on top.

In the semi-final Bolton faced mighty Manchester City at Burnden. City had stopped the Wanderers progress in the competition in three out of the last five years which included two finals.

Mark Raven put Bolton in front in the thirty eighth minute but City equalised four minutes later and on the hour took the lead. Bolton continued to battle with keeper Ryan Price producing a couple of reflex saves, and then in injury time Brookman, who was playing his third game in four days, snatched the equaliser.

Despite Captain Paul Hughes being reduced to a passenger with injury, the Wanderers refused to submit and extra time saw neither side dominate. And so to a nerve-wrangling penalty competition that saw Ryan Price save City's second penalty from John Clarke and Bolton convert all five from Nick Brookman, Paul Griffin, Chris Banks, Ian Callaghan and Derek Booth to win a final place.

Once again the youngsters' character was tested in the final at Blackburn Rovers. They had to fight back from an early setback when Chris Banks put through his own goal. A penalty save ten minutes later by Ryan Price turned the scales back in the Wanderers' favour. They equalised in the fifty second minute when Brookman headed home a right wing cross and for the rest of the half there was only one team in it but the Rovers' keeper had the game of his life to keep the Wanderers out.

Extra time produced plenty of excitement but no goals and so a penalty shoot out decided the game. Bolton were always in the driving seat with Rovers missing two out of four whilst Griffin, Callaghan, Brookman and Booth all converted, the luckless Banks seeing his effort saved.

And so Paul Hughes collected the trophy which no-one could deny the young Burnden battlers!

QUIZ-TIME

Below are ten questions that will surely test your knowledge of your own club to the limit. To add spice to the solving of this quiz, I am offering two pairs of Stand tickets for a match of their choice to the two winning entries selected. Please send your entries on a postcard to the following address: Quiz-Time, Bolton Wanderers F.C. Ltd., Burnden Park, Manchester Road, Bolton. Entries should arrive not later than Saturday 12th September 1987 and winners will be notified by post.

1. Who holds the Club record for the highest number of League appearances and in what season did he make his League debut?
2. In season 1976/77 Bolton reached the semi-final stages of the League Cup before losing to Everton. Who did we beat in the quarter-final, what was the score and who were Bolton's goal scorers?
3. Bolton's highest-ever League placing is third position in Division One. They have done this on three occasions. Name the seasons in which this position was achieved.
4. Since the Second World War only four players have scored more than 100 League Goals for Bolton during their career. Name them.
5. Who did Bolton play in the 1958/59 season Charity Shield and what was the final score?
6. In 1923 Bolton became the first ever Wembley winners of the F.A. Cup by beating West Ham United 2 - 0 in the final. However, who did they beat in the semi-final, what was the score and where was the match played?
7. What was significant about Bolton's second round F.A. Cup tie against Sheffield United played in February 1890?
8. Bolton were involved in a match on 21st August 1965 that saw the first substitute used in a Football League game. Who was that substitute and for which team was he playing?
9. What was unique about the League match between Blackpool and Bolton played on 10th September 1960?
10. Name this player.



The Editor's decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into.

PRE - SEASON FRIENDLIES

Once again the new season is upon us and already there have been a number of friendly matches played. These matches have taken on a variety of different guises, ranging from the more serious format of the Lancashire Cup Competition to the " banner waving " exercise of sending a Bolton Wanderers XI to play local Non - League sides. To date the first team could be said to have had a mixed bag of results. Their series of warm - up games started with a " behind closed doors " game against Oldham Athletic on the synthetic surface of Boundary Park. The match ended in a 3 - 0 win for Oldham but my sources inform me that the Wanderers put up a creditable performance before tiring in the latter stages, conceding all three goals in the last fifteen minutes. This pipe - opener was followed by a further private encounter against Third Division Port Vale. A 3 - 2 victory for Bolton was apparently well deserved, with the Wanderers goals coming from a Jeff Chandler penalty, added to in the second half by Steve Thompson and substitute Ian Stevens.

August 1st saw the beginning of this season's Lancashire Cup Competition. A 2 - 1 home defeat was inflicted upon the Burnden Boys by a competent looking Blackburn Rovers. Despite a superb 74th minute goal from the head of goalm ace John Thomas, Bolton were rarely able to penetrate a well organised Rovers defence and John Millar's 88th minute winner gave them a deserved victory.

The following Tuesday saw Bolton travel to Blackpool and pick up a morale - boosting draw in what turned out to be a fairly drab game from the spectators point of view.

Bolton went into their final group game against Burnley knowing that it would take a big win and a low scoring draw in the other group game to give them any chance of reaching the Final of what is now an attractive competition to win (the victors being invited to take part in the Isle Of Man Festival in the following season). By half - time Bolton should have been firmly in the driving seat but bad finishing and a series of good saves by Burnley goalkeeper Chris Pearce kept the scoresheet blank. However, midway through the second half justice was seen to be done when a quickly taken throw - in by Julian Darby sent Trevor Morgan racing to the by - line and his low near post cross was turned into his own goal by Burnley midfielder Steve Gardner. However, just as it appeared that a morale boosting win was ours, up popped a certain Mr George Oghani to grab a somewhat undeserved but not entirely unexpected equaliser for the Clarets. I am glad to say though that this had the effect of stifling the racist and obscene chanting that had been directed at Oghani all night.

So Bolton go into their opening fixture against Crewe on August 15th with some cause for optimism, particularly with regard to the form of new signings Thomas, Morgan, Chandler and Crombie.

The Bolton Reserves/Youth teams have also had a number of friendly outings and as a point of interest I show those results below.

OPPOSITION	VENUE	RESULT	SCORERS
MOLD ALEXANDRA	A	2 - 0	JEFFREY, BOOTH
CHADDERTON	A	4 - 2	RAVEN (2), BOOTH, FISHER
CHORLEY	A	0 - 0	
ELLESMERE PORT	A	1 - 0	RAVEN
TURTON	A	2 - 3	BANKS, JEFFREY
DAISY HILL	A	0 - 2	
BOOTLE	A	1 - 3	WINSTANLEY

BOLTON WANDERERS 1986/87 LEAGUE RESULTS

OPPOSITION	VENUE	RESULT	SCORERS
SWINDON TOWN	H	1 - 2	OGHANI
BRISTOL ROVERS	A	0 - 1	
DARLINGTON	H	4 - 3	ELLIOTT, THOMPSON, OGHANI, JOYCE
BOURNEMOUTH	A	1 - 2	CALDWELL
FULHAM	A	2 - 4	ELLIOTT, THOMPSON
PORT VALE	H	3 - 0	ELLIOTT, CALDWELL, JOYCE
WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	1 - 2	JOYCE
CHESTERFIELD	H	1 - 2	CALDWELL
NOTTS COUNTY	H	1 - 1	OGHANI
WALSALL	A	3 - 3	THOMPSON (PEN), CALDWELL, ELLIOTT
ROTHERHAM UNITED	A	0 - 1	
BLACKPOOL	H	1 - 0	THOMPSON
CHESTER CITY	H	1 - 1	ELLIOTT
BRENTFORD	A	2 - 1	GAVIN, THOMPSON
MIDDLESBROUGH	A	0 - 0	
NEWPORT COUNTY	H	0 - 1	
MANSFIELD TOWN	A	2 - 2	CALDWELL, JOYCE
YORK CITY	H	3 - 1	HARTFORD, CALDWELL (2)
GILLINGHAM	H	3 - 0	CALDWELL (2), GAVIN
BRISTOL CITY	A	1 - 4	ELLIOTT
BURY	H	2 - 3	THOMPSON, OGHANI
DONCASTER ROVERS	A	0 - 3	
MANSFIELD TOWN	H	0 - 1	
BRISTOL ROVERS	H	2 - 2	SUTTON, CALDWELL
BOURNEMOUTH	H	0 - 1	
CARLISLE UNITED	A	2 - 0	
FULHAM	H	3 - 2	CALDWELL, THOMPSON, JOYCE
PORT VALE	A	1 - 1	ELLIOTT
DARLINGTON	A	1 - 0	
CHESTERFIELD	A	0 - 0	
BRENTFORD	H	0 - 2	
CHESTER CITY	A	0 - 0	
ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	0 - 0	
BLACKPOOL	A	1 - 1	SUTTON
WALSALL	H	1 - 0	ELLIOTT
SWINDON TOWN	A	0 - 2	
NOTTS COUNTY	A	0 - 0	
NEWPORT COUNTY	A	1 - 2	STEVENS
WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	1 - 2	HARTFORD (PEN)
MIDDLESBROUGH	H	2 - 1	
CARLISLE UNITED	H	2 - 0	NEAL, STEVENS
BURY	A	2 - 0	
BRISTOL CITY	H	0 - 0	
YORK CITY	A	1 - 2	HARTFORD
DONCASTER ROVERS	H	0 - 1	
GILLINGHAM	A	0 - 1	
PLAY -OFF MATCHES			
ALDERSHOT	A	0 - 1	
ALDERSHOT	H	2 - 2	CALDWELL (2 - 1 A PEN)

BOLTON WANDERERS CUP RESULTS 1986/87

LITTLEWOODS CUP

ROUND	OPPOSITION	VENUE	RESULT	SCORERS
1	BURY	A	1 - 2	ROSS (OWN GOAL)
1	BURY	H	0 - 0	
(BOLTON LOST 1 - 2 ON AGGREGATE)				

F.A. CUP

ROUND	OPPOSITION	VENUE	RESULT	SCORERS
1	HALIFAX TOWN	A	1 - 1	OGHANI
1(R)	HALIFAX TOWN	H	1 - 1	CALDWELL
1(R)	HALIFAX TOWN	A	3 - 1	THOMPSON, CALDWELL, GAVIN
2	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2 - 0	CALDWELL, THOMPSON
3	COVENTRY CITY	A	0 - 3	

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY

ROUND	OPPOSITION	VENUE	RESULT	SCORERS
PRELIM	BLACKPOOL	H	1 - 0	GAVIN
PRELIM	BURNLEY	A	2 - 0	OGHANI, DARBY
1	BURNLEY	H	2 - 1	ALLEN, CALDWELL
2	CHESTER CITY	H	1 - 2	CAME



BOLTON WANDERERS RESERVES
CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO RESULTS 1986/87

OPPOSITION	VENUE	RESULT	SCORERS
GRIMSBY TOWN	H	1 - 2	HUGHES (PEN)
WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	2 - 2	OGHANI (2)
PORT VALE	H	2 - 1	BELL, BANKS
PRESTON NORTH END	A	0 - 5	
DONCASTER ROVERS	H	0 - 1	
YORK CITY	A	2 - 0	BANKS, CALLAGHAN
NOTTS COUNTY	H	2 - 2	GRIFFIN, BANKS
BLACKPOOL	H	6 - 1	SCOTT, OGHANI (2), ALLEN, BELL, HUGHES (PEN)
ROTHERHAM UNITED	A	3 - 3	BELL, ALLEN, GRIFFIN
BRADFORD CITY	H	1 - 2	MILLER
BARNSLEY	A	1 - 1	GRIFFIN
STOKE CITY	A	1 - 2	CALDWELL
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A	0 - 4	
DARLINGTON	H	2 - 2	GRIFFIN, LLOYD (OWN GOAL)
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A	1 - 1	WINSTANLEY
PORT VALE	A	2 - 2	BANKS, GRIFFIN
DONCASTER ROVERS	A	4 - 2	ALLEN, GRIFFIN, OGHANI, BROOKMAN
SCUNTHORPE UNITED	A	2 - 2	HUGHES (PEN), OGHANI
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	1 - 3	HUGHES (PEN)
ROTHERHAM UNITED	H	2 - 0	BROOKMAN, STEVENS
BLACKPOOL	A	3 - 3	BROOKMAN, STEVENS (2)
PRESTON NORTH END	H	0 - 0	
NOTTS COUNTY	A	0 - 3	
GRIMSBY TOWN	A	2 - 6	CLARKE, STEVENS
YORK CITY	H	1 - 0	BROOKMAN
STOKE CITY	H	0 - 1	
BARNSLEY	H	1 - 4	CLARKE
BRADFORD CITY	A	0 - 2	
DARLINGTON	A	1 - 1	ALLEN
WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	2 - 2	BANKS (PEN), HANNAH
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	1 - 2	STEVENS
SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H	1 - 3	STEVENS

BOLTON WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB

FOURTH DIVISION FIXTURES 1987/88

15.8.87	SAT	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H
22.8.87	SAT	CARDIFF CITY	H
29.8.87	SAT	SCARBOROUGH	A
31.8.87	MON	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H
5.9.87	SAT	HEREFORD UNITED	A
12.9.87	SAT	HALIFAX TOWN	H
15.9.87	TUE	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	A
19.9.87	SAT	TORQUAY UNITED	A
26.9.87	SAT	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H
29.9.87	TUE	TRANMERE ROVERS	A
3.10.87	SAT	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	H
10.10.87	SAT	DARLINGTON	A
17.10.87	SAT	CARLISLE UNITED	H
20.10.87	TUE	EXETER CITY	H
24.10.87	SAT	ROCHDALE	A
31.10.87	SAT	SWANSEA CITY	H
3.11.87	TUE	NEWPORT COUNTY	A
7.11.87	SAT	LEYTON ORIENT	H
21.11.87	SAT	BURNLEY	A
28.11.87	SAT	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H
12.12.87	SAT	COLCHESTER UNITED	A
19.12.87	SAT	WREXHAM	H
26.12.87	SAT	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	A
28.12.87	MON	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H
1.1.88	FRI	SCARBOROUGH	H
2.1.88	SAT	HALIFAX TOWN	A
9.1.88	SAT	CARDIFF CITY	A
16.1.88	SAT	TORQUAY UNITED	H
23.1.88	SAT	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H
30.1.88	SAT	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	A
6.2.88	SAT	HEREFORD UNITED	H
13.2.88	SAT	STOCKPORT COUNTY	A
20.2.88	SAT	CREWE ALEXANDRA	A
27.2.88	SAT	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	A
1.3.88	TUE	TRANMERE ROVERS	H
5.3.88	SAT	CARLISLE UNITED	A
12.3.88	SAT	DARLINGTON	H
19.3.88	SAT	SWANSEA CITY	A
26.3.88	SAT	ROCHDALE	H
2.4.88	SAT	LEYTON ORIENT	A
4.4.88	MON	BURNLEY	H
9.4.88	SAT	EXETER CITY	A
23.4.88	SAT	NEWPORT COUNTY	H
30.4.88	SAT	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	A
2.5.88	MON	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
7.5.88	SAT	WREXHAM	A

BOLTON WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB

CUP COMPETITIONS-FIXTURES AND DATES 1987/88

THE LITTLEWOODS CUP

18.8.87	TUE	RND.1 (1ST LEG)	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	KICK-OFF 7.45PM
25.8.87	TUE	RND.1 (2ND LEG)	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	KICK-OFF 7.30PM

THE F.A. CUP

14.11.87	SAT	1ST ROUND	
5.12.87	SAT	2ND ROUND	
9.1.88	SAT	3RD ROUND	
30.1.88	SAT	4TH ROUND	
20.2.88	SAT	5TH ROUND	
12.3.88	SAT	6TH ROUND (QUARTER FINAL)	
9.4.88	SAT	SEMI-FINAL	
14.5.88	SAT	FINAL	



BOLTON WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1987/88

17.8.87	MON	MANSFIELD TOWN	A
26.8.87	WED	NEWCASTLE UNITED	H
2.9.87	WED	PRESTON NORTH END	H
17.9.87	THU	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H
23.9.87	WED	DONCASTER ROVERS	A
29.9.87	TUE	MIDDLESBROUGH	A
7.10.87	WED	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H
14.10.87	WED	PORT VALE	A
21.10.87	WED	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H
27.10.87	TUE	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A
11.11.87	WED	STOKE CITY	A
18.11.87	WED	BARNLEY	H
24.11.87	TUE	NOTTS COUNTY	A
2.12.87	WED	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H
8.12.87	TUE	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A
16.12.87	WED	YORK CITY	H
6.1.88	WED	DARLINGTON	A
13.1.88	WED	NEWCASTLE UNITED	A
20.1.88	WED	MANSFIELD TOWN	H
27.1.88	WED	MIDDLESBROUGH	H
2.2.88	TUE	PRESTON NORTH END	A
10.2.88	WED	DONCASTER ROVERS	H
17.2.88	WED	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A
24.2.88	WED	PORT VALE	H
2.3.88	WED	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	A
9.3.88	WED	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	A
16.3.88	WED	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H
23.3.88	WED	BARNLEY	A
30.3.88	WED	STOKE CITY	H
6.4.88	WED	NOTTS COUNTY	H
13.4.88	WED	DARLINGTON	H
19.4.88	TUE	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H
27.4.88	WED	YORK CITY	A
4.5.88	WED	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A

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